



**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**PROJECT TITLE:** CRSP Merigan Modular Water Tank (CRSP 156)

**LOCATION:** Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Cuyamaca Rancho State Park/Merigan new modular employee residence requires a domestic fire protection 10,000 gallon water storage tank with hydrant outlet. Tank location is approximately 77 feet southwest from residence structure using San Diego County Installation/Location Standards. Tank is circular, metal, color tan measuring 143 inches diameter by 13 feet in height. The hydrant connection requires a trench approximately 18 inches deep by 16" wide & 29 feet in length for tank to hydrant pipe line connection. A pipe line for filling the tank is required and will tap into the existing waterline, located west of the Merigan dirt road, cross the road then follow the residence driveway near the road edge measuring approximately 149 feet with a trench depth of 26-28 inches by 16 inch wide with termination near the water storage tank.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Colorado Desert District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3, and 4

Section: 15301, 15303, and 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including comments provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities, §15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" (Class 1, Section 15301);
- "Construction or installation of park facilities such as... pads with utility connections" and "...above ground water tanks" (Class 3, Section 15303); and
- "Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent" and "Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored" (Class 4, Section 15304)

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